

Part IIc
**“Soundings, Treachery, Nourishment,
Encouragement, & Covenantal Promise!”**

Acts 27:27-38

Now when the **fourteenth night** had come, as **We** were driven up and down in the **Adriatic Sea**, about midnight the **Sailors** sensed that **They** were drawing near some **Land**. And **They** took soundings and found it to be twenty fathoms; and when **They** had gone a little farther, **They** took soundings again and found it to be fifteen fathoms. Then, fearing lest **We** should run aground on the rocks, **They** dropped four anchors from the stern, and prayed for day to come. And as the **Sailors** were seeking to escape from the ship, when **They** had let down the skiff into the sea, under pretense of putting out anchors from the prow. **Paul** said to the **Centurion** and the **Soldiers**, “*Unless these **Men** stay in the ship, **You** cannot be saved.*” Then the **(Roman) Soldiers** cut away the ropes of the skiff and let it fall off. And as day was about to dawn, **Paul** implored **Them All (Aboard)** to take food, saying, “*Today is the **fourteenth day** **You** have waited and continued without food, and eaten nothing. Therefore, I urge **You** to take nourishment, for this is for **Your** survival, since not a hair will fall from the head of **Any of You**.*” And when **He (Paul)** had said these things, **He** took bread and gave thanks to **God** in the **Presence of Them All**; and when **He** had broken it (bread) **He** began to eat. Then **They Were All** encouraged, and also took food Themselves. And **In All We Were Two Hundred & Seventy-Six Persons** on the ship. So, when **They (All Aboard)** had eaten enough, **They (Sailors & Soldiers)** lightened the ship and threw out the **Wheat (Cargo)** into the **Sea**. **Acts 27:27-38 (NKJV)**

Day 33 – Soundings!

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TREACHERY!

While The Sailors Make Final Preparations For Running Aground,
They Use It As A Diversion & Pretense To Try & Save Their Own Skins!

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Men’s Plan Vs. God’s Provision

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Paul Implores Them To Take Heart, Take Food, & Be Encouraged

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Paul Invokes The Lord’s Covenantal Promise At His Last Supper For All To Share

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***“When All Earthly Human Hope & Strength Is Gone;
The Divine, The Holy, The Sacred, The Hope of Eternity Still Remains!”***

In All, 276 Persons That Day, Saw What God Can Do!

... And In All We Were Two Hundred & Seventy-Six Persons on the ship ... Acts 27:37

“Now, Even Under Penalty of Imprisonment or Hard Labor,

They Choose to Obey God, Rather Than Man,

& Throw The Earthly Cargo of Provisions Into the Sea,

In Favor of God’s Merciful Provision of Salvation For Their Lives!”

**... When They (All Aboard) had eaten enough, They (Sailors & Soldiers) lightened the ship
and threw out the Wheat (Cargo) into the Sea. Acts 27:38**

CQ1?

***“When The Storms of Life Come My Way,
Who Do I Really Trust, Myself, Others, Or God?”***

CQ2?

***“The Storms & Tempests Coming Soon
Will Be The Greatest The World Has Ever Seen!
Will I, Will My Family, Will My Church Family,
Be Ready Together, To Fully Trust In God Alone?”***

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***“Let Us As The People of God,
Ready Ourselves Individually & Together As A Family,
So, That Others Who Do Not Know Him Yet,
Will Find A Place of Hope, Mercy, & Refuge, In The Days Ahead!***